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<p>In re application of:</p> <p>Zafar Iqbal, et al.</p> <p>Appln. No.: 09/415,781</p> <p>Filing Date: October 8, 1999</p> <p>For: CORROSION RESISTANT COATED FUEL CELL BIPOLAR PLATE WITH GRAPHITE PROTECTIVE BARRIER AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME</p>	<p>Group Art Unit: 1745</p> <p>Examiner: Not Yet Assigned</p>
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. Each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date hereof. For the Examiner's convenience and consideration, a copy of this communication, dated January 25, 2001, is enclosed herewith. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not a representation

that any or all of the information cited herein is necessarily effective as prior art against the subject application.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c), because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance, and given the statement made above, neither a petition nor payment of a fee is necessary for consideration of the cited information. If, however, it is determined that a petition and/or payment of a fee is necessary for consideration of the cited information, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be treated as such petition and/or that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-1125. The Commissioner is explicitly authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1125 for any fee shortages.

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Respectfully submitted,

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